











CARMELITES GROUP PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL, THE HOLY LAND

May 1-10, 2010

<p>Day 1, May 1 Depart from the San Francisco on our way to Tel Aviv, Israel.</p>	
<p>Day 2, May 2 Arrive at Ben-Gurion airport where Ami Travel representatives greet and assist us through the arrival procedure and introduce us to our forthcoming trip in the Holy Land. We proceed through the Sharon region in a deluxe motor coach to Galilee. En route visit Caesarea where Paul was imprisoned and Cornelius baptized, see the Roman Theatre, aqueduct and the Crusader remains. Continue to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah confronted the Pagan prophets (1st Kings 18). Dinner and overnight stay on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.</p>	
<p>Day 3, May 3 Tour the Sea of Galilee region. Visit Capernaum and Simon Peter's House, the Mount of the Beatitudes and Tabgha-the site of the feeding of the multitudes. Take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and enjoy St. Peter's fish lunch in. Later walk along the Jordan River and renew your baptismal promises. Dinner and overnight stay on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.</p>	
<p>Day 4, May 4 This morning we drive through the village of Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle and continue to Nazareth – site of Annunciation and home of Mary and Joseph. Afternoon visit the Golan Heights - Caesarea Philippi where Peter identified Jesus as the Messiah. Dinner and overnight stay on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.</p>	

<p>Day 5, May 5</p> <p>Before departing The Galilee, we visit Mt Tabor – the site of Transfiguration. We continue via the Jordan Valley to Mt. Gilboa (Judges 7) and the remarkable ruins of Beth Shean (included in the "Decapolis"). Ascend to the Holy City! Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.</p>	
<p>Day 6, May 6</p> <p>Begin our day in Bethlehem – the Church of Nativity and Shepherds' Fields. Continue our journey of faith in the Holy city. The Mount of Olives; Garden of Gethsemane; Mt Zion; the room of the Last Supper and the Tomb of King David; Dormition Abbey; Church of Peter in Gallicantu - marking the house of Caiphas and the site of the imprisonment of Jesus and Peter's denial. In Ein Karem, walk the picturesque village, home of John the Baptist and site of the Visitation Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.</p>	
<p>Day 7, May 7</p> <p>We walk in old city of Jerusalem. Enter St. Stephen's Gate, also known as Lion's Gate; visit the Pool of Bethesda - site of the healing of the Lame and the Church of St. Anne. Pilate's Judgment Hall, and the Ecce Homo Arch. Walk the Via Dolorosa passing the Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the ancient site of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Experience the Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Armenian quarters. See the Western Wall, the Temple ruins and the Temple Mount. Later stroll through the colorful bazaars of the old city. Also visit recent excavations in the City of David and the recently discovered pool of Siloam. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.</p>	
<p>Day 8, May 8</p> <p>Today you will drive to Massada, site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Romans. Later, drive to Ein Gedi to experience the salty water of the Dead Sea. Continue our journey to the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem.</p>	
<p>Day 9, May 9</p> <p>Morning at leisure. Our guide will advise us of sites we can visit at our own pace, or do our last shopping. Afternoon check out our hotel drive to Jaffa: the ancient seaport where St Peter revived Tabitha whilst visiting the house of Simon the Tanner and had the Vision on the roof top. Jaffa - also mentioned in the biblical narrative of Jonah and the whale, and as Solomon's port and where we shall enjoy our farewell dinner before leaving to the airport for our flight. Bon Voyage , Shalom Ve Lehitraot</p>	
<p>Day 10, May 10</p> <p>Morning arrival to the USA</p>	